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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Robert D. Vickers, Jr.
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SUBJECT: Caribbean Policy Seminar, 6 December 1985

1. On 6 December, I attended a seminar sponsored by Fred Ikle, Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, to discuss whether and how the United States should support a regional security system for the Eastern Caribbean. Participants included members of the State Department, NSC, CIA and the uniformed services. A list of attendees is attached.

2. Efforts by the United States to promote such a system reached their zenith shortly after Grenada, but have since faltered because of disagreements among the Eastern Caribbean island leaders. These leaders are concerned over which island would play the leading role, as well as the costs involved with strengthening their defense and security forces.

3. There was a general consensus that it would be desirable for the US to make a concerted effort to promote a regional security system at this time. Most Caribbean island leaders currently favor such a system, but this would not be true in the future. There was considerable discussion of just how the US could provide additional incentives for such a system with economic aid being the main link.

4. I commented that raising the issue of economic incentives was likely to complicate the whole process, and perhaps we should focus on the increased threat to regional stability presented by narcotics traffickers and their associations with radical terrorist groups. There was a general agreement that this would be a good issue to raise with the island leaders as a reason for pushing for an agreement on a regional security system. State Department was tasked with drafting a proposed agreement by late January which would then be used as the basis for discussions with island leaders.


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Caribbean Policy Discussions
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